

R E M A R K S

The office action of December 13, 2005 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 1 through 42 remain in this case, claims 1, 29, 30-37, 39 and 41 being amended and claim 43 being cancelled by this response. No new matter has been added.

Restriction Requirement

1. The Examiner has made the restriction requirement final. Claims 30-36 now depend off of claim 1, and should be allowable. Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to pursue the independent forms of claims 30-36 in one or more divisional applications.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

3. Claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lo. Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, claim 43 has been cancelled to further prosecution of the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.
4. Claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chisolm et al. Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, claim 43 has been cancelled to further prosecution of the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-29 and 37-42 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such action has been taken. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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